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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 25, 2006

In re the Application of

Jerome BOUTET et al.

Group Art Unit: 2872

Application No.: 10/724,613

Examiner: A. AMARI

Filed: December 2, 2003

Docket No.: 117911

For: OPTICAL MICROSCOPE WITH MODIFIABLE LIGHTING AND OPERATING PROCESS
OF SUCH A MICROSCOPE

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired January 7, 2006, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 175609 in the amount of \$120 in payment for:

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